



## RESOLUTION

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URGING BROADCAST PERSONALITY RUSH LIMBAUGH TO APOLOGIZE FOR OFFENSIVE AND DEROGATORY REMARKS REGARDING THE CHINESE LANGUAGE AND CHINESE PRESIDENT HU JINTAO.

WHEREAS, on January 19, 2011, radio personality Rush Limbaugh made mocking and derogatory remarks on his program about Chinese President Hu Jintao and the Chinese language; and

WHEREAS, these remarks were damaging to the relationship that the United States enjoys with China and offensive to the citizens of Hawaii and the United States; and

WHEREAS, these remarks were especially disrespectful to the 170,803 people of Chinese ancestry in Hawaii and 2.4 million nationwide, as well as the 58% of Honolulu's population who are of Asian ancestry and call Hawaii home; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii is a melting pot of diverse people who are respectful of one another's culture, religion, and belief systems; and

WHEREAS, in this land of Aloha, the multiplicity of language and the variety of our citizenry is the foundation of our local identity; and

WHEREAS, our diversity in Honolulu has been the galvanizing force behind the success of our hospitality industry, which is renowned for being among the best tourism products in the world; and

WHEREAS, Honolulu will be the host to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation ("APEC") forum in November 2011, which seeks to advance regional economic integration with its 21 member economies; and

WHEREAS, leaders from Asian APEC countries, including President Hu Jintao, will be present at the forum; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii has been and continues to be, as President Kennedy described, "a model of harmony to the rest of the world"; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that Rush Limbaugh is urged to apologize to United States citizens of Asian ancestry, President Hu Jintao, and the citizens of the People's Republic of China for his offensive and derogatory remarks regarding the Chinese language and President Hu; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Clear Channel is urged to implement policies against racial discrimination in their radio programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that sponsors of radio talk shows are urged to implement policies barring sponsorship of radio broadcasts that permit racial bigotry and intolerance in their programming; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the governor; the mayor; China's Ambassador to the United States, 3505 International Place, N.W., Washington, D.C. 2008; Rush Limbaugh, 1270 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10020; and Clear Channel, 200 East Basse Road, San Antonio, Texas 78209.

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